



Community Lecture on the Film “The Guerrero Project”

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and Savannah State University will engage the community on a new level this September during the Ocean Film Festival.

The “Seasing is Believing Program,” funded by a City of Savannah Weave-A—Dream grant, is offered in conjunction with the film festival presentation of “The Guerrero Project,” a documentary film about a slave ship which sunk off the Florida coast in 1827. The film blends the tragic story of a sunken slave ship and its human cargo of 561 Africans with modern day marine expeditions and heated archaeological debate. The film will be shown at Trustees Theater at 7 p.m. Sunday, September 25th. The director of the film, Ms. Karuna Eberl, and several members of the film cast and crew will visit Savannah State University on September 26, 2005 and present a panel discussion on the content and making of the documentary.

The lecture will be held on Monday, September 26 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the College of Business Administration on the campus of Savannah State University.

In addition, this partnership brings a new component to the Ocean Film Festival; essay and visual arts competitions for k-12 students in the area schools. The essay contests are open to any public or private school student in grades 7-12 while the visual arts competition is open to elementary students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Students in either contest may submit an entry focused on one of four topics: Ocean Exploration, African Americans and the Sea, Coastal Issues, or Marine Protected Areas.

Coordinators of the program hope to increase awareness in scientific and cultural issues related to the ocean sciences while helping local students develop their communication skills. For contest information, contact Dr. Dionne Hoskins at 912.352.8925 or dionne.hoskins@noaa.gov.